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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 056175

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AWACS, UK

SUBJECT: GRUMMAN E-2C BRIEFING TO PARLIAMENT

REF: USDAO LONDON 101104Z MAR 77

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH GRUMMAN OFFICIALS, RETIRED ADMIRAL TOWNSEND AND MR. PURVIS, ON MARCH 8 IN WASHINGTON, RICHARD ERICSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PM, STATED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANYTHING IN THE STATUS OF THE AWACS TO JUSTIFY A NEW AIRCRAFT PROPOSAL TO THE EUROPEANS; AND THEREFORE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT GRUMMAN NOT COMPLICATE THE ISSUE BY MAKING PROPOSALS TO NATO ALLIES UNLESS AND UNTIL IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE EUROPEANS WOULD NOT BUY AWACS.

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2. GRUMMAN SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT THEIR APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO RELEASE TECHNICAL DATA RELATIVE TO THE E-2C IS STILL PENDING. IF THEY DECIDE TO HOLD BRIEFING, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE RESTRICTED TO INFORMATION IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

3. WE LEAVE IT TO YOUR JUDGMENT WHETHER OFFICIAL US

PRESENCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR HELPFUL. HOWEVER, IF  
EMBREP HAS AN OPPORTUNITY, EITHER DURING GRUMMAN BRIEFING  
OR SEPARATELY TO DISCUSS E-2C VERSUS E-3A ISSUE, FOLLOWING  
POINTS SHOULD BE MADE: NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES  
SELECTED E-3A OVER E-2C AFTER CAREFUL EVALUATION BECAUSE  
OF E-3A'S SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE IN AN ECM ENVIRONMENT AND  
OVER LAND.  
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